

Queen Anne's County
Historic Site Summary Sheet

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4/2004

Survey No: QA-499
Name: Miller Farm
Location: U. S. Route 50, Queenstown, Maryland
Access: Private
Date: ca. 1860

Description:

The Miller Farm is centered on a two-story frame building with hipped roof, constructed in several sections. The first section was an I-house and included the western three bays. Second section was also an I-house, although not so tall as, but wider than, the first section. At the rear of the second section are two frame additions and a covered pedimented entry. The main building is clad in novelty siding; the additions are clad in aluminum siding. There are six outbuildings associated with the property: two of them appear to be historic. One is a weatherboard barn, the other may originally have been a chicken coop. The remainder of the outbuildings are modern.

Significance:

This building has been evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A, B, and C. It does not meet the requirements for significance under Criterion C for its architectural merit because it is a common type of building that is found throughout rural Maryland. It is not known to have been associated with significant historical events or persons, and is not, therefore, eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A or B.

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Eligibility Recommended _____

Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: Q. P. Sander

Date: 10/2/98

Reviewer, NR Program: B. Kuntz

Date: 12/18/98

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Miller Farm

2. Location

street & number U. S. Route 50 (south side) ☐ not for publication

city, town Queenstown ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Queen Anne's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Waterman Realty Co.

street & number 109 Country Day Road, Suite 1 telephone no.:

city, town Chester state and zip code Maryland 21619

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Registry of Deeds liberSM 580

street & number folio 356

city, town Centreville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This frame dwelling is located on the south side of U. S. Route 50 in Queen Anne's County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The surrounding area is rural, and this property encompasses 163.53 acres of farmland.

The two-story house was built in several sections. The earliest section was an I-house and includes the western three bays. It is the tallest section. The roof is hipped and clad in composition shingles. There is a single interior brick chimney at the ridge of the roof. The windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash. The uncovered entry has a five-light transom and three-light sidelights. The door is wood paneled.

The second section is also a two-storied I-house, although it is not as tall as the original section. It, too is three bays wide by one bay deep, although it is approximately one foot wider at the rear than the original section. The hipped roof is clad in composition shingles and has an interior brick chimney. Windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash. The uncovered entry is centered; the door has nine lights in the top half and wood panels in the lower half. Both sections have novelty siding and decorative scalloped fascia boards on all sides; however, that on the rear of the second section is of a slightly different pattern from the rest, having wider, more rounded scallops. There are engaged pilasters at the corners of both sections of the building.

At the rear of the second section are two frame additions and a covered pedimented entry. The additions have front gabled roofs clad in composition shingles. The walls are clad in aluminum siding. Windows in the first addition, which adjoins the second I-house section, are one-over-one, double-hung sash. Those in the second addition are casement with three horizontal panes. The second addition has a slightly lower roofline than the first. The roof over the entry is lower still.

There are six outbuildings on this property. One is a small, weatherboard barn with a front-gabled roof that is clad in standing-seam metal. It has two entry doors with strap hinges and a hay loft door with more modern hinges. The north elevation has two nine-light windows. The south elevation has one of the entrances and a nine-light, fixed-sash window. The building is supported on concrete piers. Closest to the rear of the house is a corrugated metal building with two open bays and one bay that is enclosed by a two-leaf wooden door with strap hinges. The roof is side-gabled and clad in standing-seam metal. Immediately south of this corrugated metal building is a smaller building of vertical boards with a saltbox roof covered with standing-seam metal. Its south elevation has six-over-six, double-hung sash windows that flank another smaller opening that is covered by a movable awning. Farther south is a cluster of three buildings: the first is a large corrugated metal barn with a gabled roof clad in corrugated metal. Wooden plank doors provide entry on the east and west elevations. Attached to the northeast corner of this building is an open-front tractor shed that is finished on each end in vertical planks and on the north with corrugated metal. East of the tractor shed is another wooden building that may originally have been a chicken coop. Its side-gabled roof is clad in corrugated metal. On its east elevation are a four-panel wooden door and a six-light, fixed-sash window. Its north elevation has two large awning windows, each with two single panes of glass. These windows extend across the full width of the building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1860s **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Miller Farm, constructed ca. 1862, is associated with the period of Agricultural - Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870), and the themes of Agriculture and Architecture. The Miller Farm has been evaluated under National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criteria A, B, and C to determine its eligibility for listing in the NRHP and the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places (MIHP). The Miller farmhouse comprises two adjoining I-houses. It is a common type of rural architecture in Maryland and along U. S. Route 50 in the local area. The two remaining historic outbuildings are physically overwhelmed by four larger modern outbuildings. The farm does not possess sufficient architectural significance to warrant its listing under Criterion C. There is no known association of the Miller Farm with significant historic events or persons. Therefore, it is recommended not eligible for listing under Criteria A and B.

The Miller Farm is situated to the southeast of Queenstown on the road leading to Wye Mills and points further south. Queenstown served as the seat of Queen Anne's County from 1706 until 1782 when Centreville was chosen. Queenstown, however, continued to be an important center for local trade during the nineteenth century. The Miller Farm was constructed during the period of Agricultural - Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870), during which the economy of Queen Anne's County was based primarily on agricultural goods, such as grains. Farming methods were being improved by the 1820s through the used of fertilizers and crop rotation. Local agricultural products were transported to the market at Baltimore via steamboat which operated from Queenstown beginning in 1820. Although plans for a railroad on the eastern shore of Maryland were made during the 1830s, they were not realized until after the Civil War, and no line serviced the project area vicinity until 1896 (Wesler et al. 1981).

It is likely that the Miller Farm was operated as a small self-sufficient farm which produced agricultural goods for subsistence and sale. The Miller Farm appears on the 1877 Atlas as the property of John W. Wood. The farm is located near a cluster of settlement, also illustrated on the 1877 Atlas, that is situated northwest of Wye Mills and includes residences, a school house and a church (see attached map).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Maryland Historical Trust
1992 Maryland Supplement to National Register Bulletin 16A. MHT, Crownsville, MD.
Queen Anne's County Atlas
1877 The 1877 Atlases. Bicentennial Ed. 1777-1976. J.L. Graham, ed. The Wicomico
Bicentennial Commission, Salisbury, MD.
(see Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 3.75 ac.

Quadrangle name Wye Mills

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary to include the house and two historic outbuildings.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition
(1815-1870 A. D.)

Historic Period Themes: Agriculture; Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building(s)

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic (single dwelling);
Agriculture/Subsistence (outbuildings)

Known Design Source: None

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Bibliography

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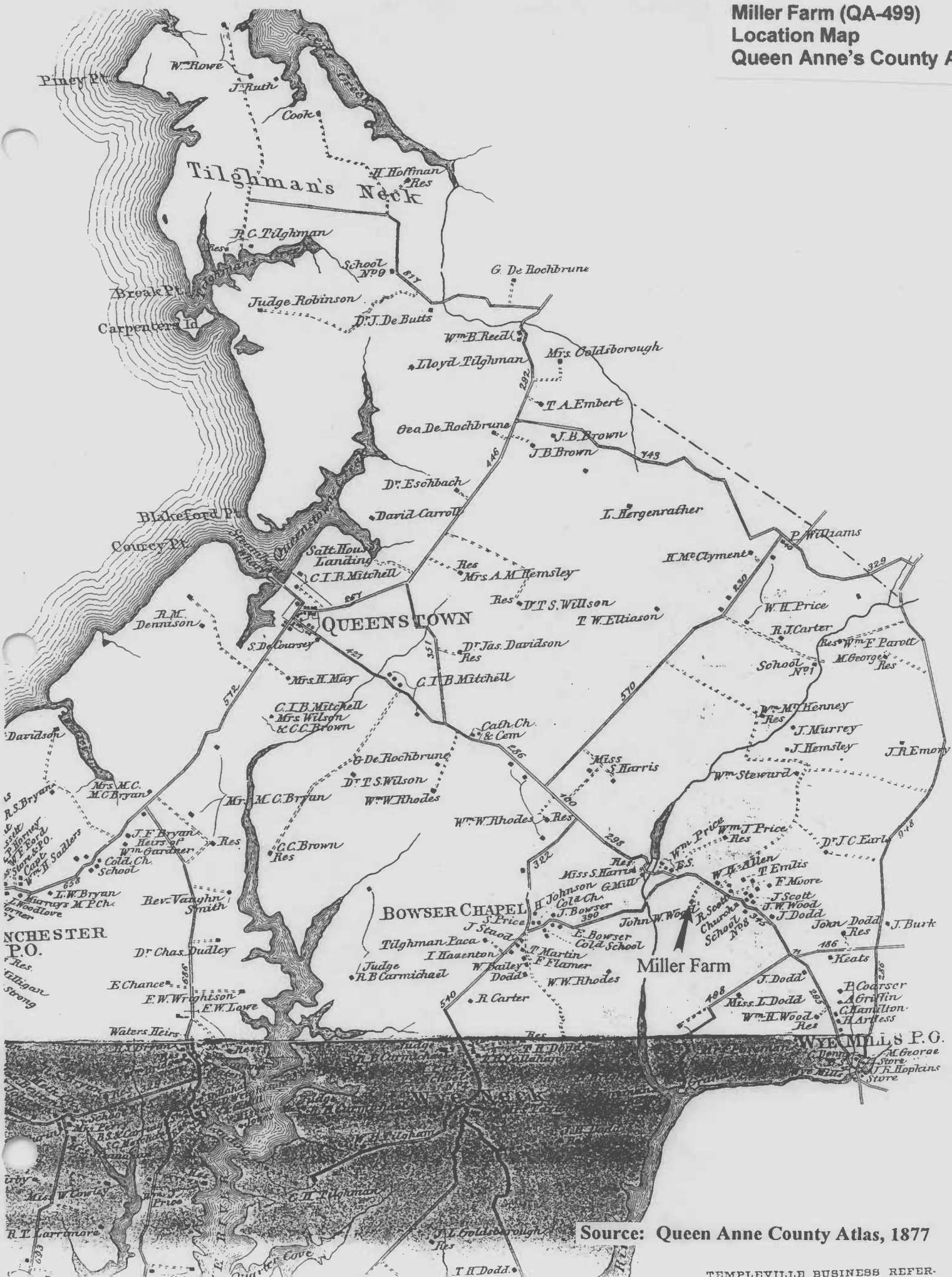
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MILLER FRM
QUEENSTOWN
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
SITE PLAN

Burns
milkhouse
newshed.
garage
Granary
dwelling

US 50

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Source: Queen Anne County Atlas, 1877

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MILLER FRM
QUEENSTOWN
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
LOCATION MAP
WYE MILLS QUADRANGLE**



Source: USGS Wye Mills, MD 7.5 Minute Quad, 1942/1973

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Miller Farm, Queenstown
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Miller Farm
(Demolished 4/2004)

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT



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Miller Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

Rita Suffness

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MD SHFO

North elevation, looking south

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Miller farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

Rita Suffness

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MD SHPO

North (front) elevation, Main house 2 of 19



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Heller Farm
Queen Anne's County, MD

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MD SHPO

Detail of front door, west section of main house
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Miller Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

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MD SHPo

Southeast Corner, Main house 40/91



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Huller Farm

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MD SHPO

South elevation, looking north, including outbuildings
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Muller Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

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MD SHPO

Rear out buildings, looking South West

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Miller Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

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MD SHPO

Southeast corners of out buildings 7 of 9



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Hiller Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

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Northeast corner of barn

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Höler Farm
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Northeast corner of barn

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